

AN ACT concerning transportation.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by changing Section 8-101 as follows:

(625 ILCS 5/8-101) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 8-101)

Sec. 8-101. Proof of financial responsibility - Persons who operate motor vehicles in transportation of passengers for hire.

(a) It is unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to operate any motor vehicle along or upon any public street or highway in any incorporated city, town or village in this State for the carriage of passengers for hire, accepting and discharging all such persons as may offer themselves for transportation unless such person, firm or corporation has given, and there is in full force and effect and on file with the Secretary of State of Illinois, proof of financial responsibility provided in this Act.

(b) In addition this Section shall also apply to persons, firms or corporations who are in the business of providing transportation services for minors to or from educational or recreational facilities, except that this Section shall not apply to public utilities subject to regulation under "An Act

concerning public utilities," approved June 29, 1921, as amended, or to school buses which are operated by public or parochial schools and are engaged solely in the transportation of the pupils who attend such schools.

(c) This Section also applies to a contract carrier transporting employees in the course of their employment on a highway of this State in a vehicle designed to carry 15 or fewer passengers. As part of proof of financial responsibility, a contract carrier transporting employees, including but not limited to railroad employees, in the course of their employment is required to verify hit and run and uninsured motor vehicle coverage, as provided in Section 143a of the Illinois Insurance Code, and underinsured motor vehicle coverage, as provided in Section 143a-2 of the Illinois Insurance Code, in a total amount of not less than \$250,000 per passenger, except that beginning on January 1, 2017 the total amount shall be not less than \$500,000 per passenger. Each rail carrier that contracts with a contract carrier for the transportation of its employees in the course of their employment shall verify that the contract carrier has the minimum insurance coverage required under this subsection (c).

(d) This Section shall not apply to any person participating in a ridesharing arrangement or operating a commuter van, but only during the performance of activities authorized by the Ridesharing Arrangements Act.

(e) If the person operating such motor vehicle is not the

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owner, then proof of financial responsibility filed hereunder must provide that the owner is primarily liable.

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